(3) Decisions have been taken to:—

(i) construct new high speed exit & parallel taxiways.

(ii) introduce Air Traffic Flow Management.

(iii) upgrade Air Traffic Control automation system.

(iv) install Advance Surface Movement & Guidance Control System.

(v) construct Bays for aircraft, rapid exit taxi tracks, parallel taxi tracks.

(vi) carry out modification/expansion of the building.

(vii)construct domestic & international terminals as a part of restructuring & modernisation.

(c) Efforts are continously made to reduce concellation/rescheduling of flights due to fog. Regular meetings have been convened in the ministry of Civil Aviation with the representatives of Airports Authority of India (AAI), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India Meteorological Department (IMD), airlines and other agencies. Stress was given to ensure operationalisation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) Cat-IIIB at Delhi Airport by mid of December, 2005. The Advanced Surveillance Movement Guidance & Control System (ASMGCS) installed at Delhi airport is under testing and expected to be operational by 15th December, 2005.

Aviation University at Madurai

1368. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the State Government of Tamil Nadu for setting up an Aviation University at Madurai, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the University would impart training to pilots, engineers, air traffic control personnel and in disciplines linked with aviation;

(d) if so, whether this subject was discussed at a recent meeting between Planning Commission and US Secretary of Transport;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when this University is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has a proposal to set up an Aviation University at Madurai. However as Madurai is an operational airport, Airports Authority of India is not in a position to hand it over to the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(c) State Government has stated that the proposed University can impart training to pilots, engineers, air traffic control personnel, airfield safety operators, communication specialists, aerodrome managers and other allied disciplines.

(d) and (e) As informed by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, there was a discussion between the Vice-Chairman of Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission and a delegation led by U.S. Secretary of Transport, wherein the issue of setting up such a University with the support of the U.S. Fedral Aviation Authority was discussed.

(f) Since this proposal is now at a premature stage, it is not possible to give the time frame of setting up of the proposed Aviation University by the Tamil Nadu State Government and courses that would be imparted.

Handling of aircrafts at Delhi and Mumbai

1369. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi and Mumbai accounts for about 70 per cent of local air traffic; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that these two airports can handle only about 30 aircrafts an hour, compared with the global standard of over 75?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) During the year 2004-2005, Delhi and Mumbai airports handled around 48 per cent of the total passenger traffic.

(b) Delhi and Mumbai can handle 30 aircraft movements per hour on single runway. Handling capacity of runways varies due to location,